



Principal's Page

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NEW STUDY SHOWS THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR ATTENDANCE

According to a new study by Attendance Works, students who miss three or more days of school during the month leading up to taking the National Assessment of Educational Progress Test score 12-18 points lower than those with good attendance. The negative impact holds true regardless of whether the absences are excused or unexcused. The study illustrates the strong correlation between absences and school performance.

FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS

Parent U through Community Recovery Resources will be offering free workshops for all parents on Saturday, October 25th. The event will take place at Sierra College and starts at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at approximately 2:00 p.m. To register go on line to www.cvorr.us/parentU. Children may not attend.

FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

We are fortunate to be a part of a community organization called Sierra Harvest whose mission is to educate, inspire, and connect Nevada County families to fresh, local, seasonal food.

We bring five elements to our school to increase awareness about eating healthy food and where it comes from:

1. Garden Cart every Friday (seasonally). Contributions from Dinner Bell Farm and parents.
2. Field trips for 4 grades to Dinner Bell Farm in the fall, with lessons and education at the farm and farmer visits to the school.
3. Harvest of the Month - Our school is given a fruit or vegetable from a local organic farm for every child to taste and experience.
4. Chef Visit - Nov. 3 we will have a chef come to our school and prepare a vegetable for grades 1st - 8th -8 to taste and experience
5. Spring plant sale to encourage home gardens.

PREVENT COLDS AND FLU

As we head into the cold and flu season, remember that hand washing is one way you can stay healthy. According to the Center for Disease Control, the simple act of hand washing is the single most important means of preventing the spread of viral and bacterial infections.

COSTUME PARADE & TRUNK OR TREAT

To celebrate the harvest season, Chicago Park School will host the 11th Annual Trunk or Treat and costume parade on Friday, October 31st. Children may wear costumes to school, but are not allowed to dress in any attire that may possibly frighten our youngest students. No fake blood or weapons please. Also, masks of any kind will not be allowed to be worn until the parade. This is still an academic school day! At 1:10 we will have a school-wide parade around the playground, followed by "Trunk or Treating" in the parking lot until the end of the school day. Students are encouraged to bring small buckets or grocery bags with their names on them to collect their treats. Due to insurance regulations, you must leave your pets at home.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

Due to parent feedback, we will be limiting the automated phone messages sent out by the school to a weekly message on Wednesdays nights. Our Weekly Wednesday message is intended to let you know about our school-wide events such as Café La Eight, garden cart and PTA events. As always, other important messages will be sent out as needed by Mr. Zeisler. Please let Laura in the school office know by the end of school on Tuesday if you have a message you wish to send out that week.

CLASSICAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Week of: Oct 27-31

Composer: Haydn

Piece: Concerto for Trumpet 3, Finale

Week of: Nov. 3-7

Composer: Albinoni

Piece: Adagio in G Minor

OCTOBER CALENDAR

24 – Harvest Festival 4:00 – 7:00

31 – Trunk or Treat 1:10

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

06 – Site Council/Charter Advisory Meeting 3:15

10 – Staff Inservice No School

11 – Veteran's Day No School

13 – Board Meeting 4:30

26-28 – Thanksgiving Vacation No School

Next Principal's Page – November 7, 2014

Article Deadline – November 3, 2014

Please submit any articles for the Principal's Page to Laura Pare in the office before the deadline. Thank you!



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PTA NEWS

SUPPORT CHICAGO PARK PTA 2014-15 CAMPAIGN

Thank you parents and families for a successful fundraiser! We received 72 donations for a total of \$5275.50. That will go a long way to help the PTA continue to support so many great programs at our school. Congratulations to **Brooklyn McKenna** for winning the *Amazon Kindle Fire* and \$50 Amazon gift certificate. Congratulations also go out to **Jack Clark**, **Marley Behr**, and **Teagan Gardner** for winning Culture Shock gift certificates at the last two weekly drawings. **Teagan Gardner** was also the superstar fundraiser bringing in 6 donations totaling \$750!!!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Save-the-Date!

Chicago Park School PTA Harvest Festival is Friday October 24th, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Join us at this fair-style event. We'll have fun booths, treats, and a delicious BBQ. 50% of the booths profit goes to the classrooms. Tickets will be on sale at the festival for 25¢ a piece (cash or credit card).

LASAGNA DINNER/DESSERT AUCTION

On Friday, November 14th, at 6:00 p.m., we will be enjoying our traditional celebration, the Annual Lasagna Dinner/Dessert Auction. The cost of dinner will be \$7 for adults, \$4 for children or \$20 for a family of four. We would appreciate it if you could pre-pay for your dinner tickets, as it makes it much easier to plan for food. You may make your purchase in the school office from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. every morning until the event! . If you have questions, please contact **Sherry Andreini** at 636-3724 or **Paula Settle** at 559-2630. We hope to see there!

3RD ANNUAL RESOLVE 2 RUN

We are partnering with the local 4-H and Fire Department to support Resolve2Run, a local 5K and 10K run which attracted almost 200 runners last New Year's Day. If you would like to walk or run in the Resolve 2 Run, sign up at Resolve2Run.com. Sponsorships are available at resolve2run.com/sponsors/. We also need volunteers. If interested, please contact Christie Balland at chrisann06@gmail.com.